

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 3, with the following paragraph:

5. The resin composition described in the above 4, wherein the conjugate diene has a ~~1,4-vinyl-bond~~1,4-bond amount of 90% or more;

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 24, with the following paragraph:

When HIPS is used, it is preferred that the conjugate diene content is from 1 to 20% by weight, preferably from 3 to 15% by weight, and more preferably from 5 to 10% by weight. Further, in terms of inhibiting the growth of a crack in a molded article due to a chemical, it is preferred that the average dispersed particle size of the conjugate diene is from 0.5 to 3.0  $\mu\text{m}$ , preferably from 0.7 to 2.5  $\mu\text{m}$ , and more preferably from 1.0 to 2.0  $\mu\text{m}$ . The average dispersed particle size of the conjugate diene can be obtained by the Coulter counter method under conditions of 100 mg/100 cc, the use of a THF solvent and 23°C. Further, from the viewpoint of heat stability, the ~~1,4-vinyl-bond~~1,4-bond amount of the conjugate diene is preferably 90% or more, and the unsaturated bonds are preferably partially hydrogenated.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 14, with the following paragraph:

HIPS: Rubber-reinforced polystyrene having a rubber (polybutadiene) particle size of 1.5  $\mu\text{m}$  on average, a rubber content of 10% by weight, a ~~1,4-vinyl-bond~~1,4-bond content of 92% and an MFR (ISO R1133, a load of 5 kg, 200°C) of 2.7 g/10 min (weight average molecular weight of matrix: 170,000, molecular weight distribution: 2.2)